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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Fredric C. Olds of Prospect Heights, on Saturday, April 24, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Fredric C. Olds was born on May 22, 1916, in Lansing, Michigan; he valiantly served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II; he played on the football team at the University of Michigan from 1936 to 1939; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Olds was an experienced mechanical engineer as well as the executive editor for Power Engineering Magazine; he was recognized as an international expert on nuclear power and traveled extensively throughout the world giving talks and presentations on this subject; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Olds was a founding father and alderman of Prospect Heights; he and his wife, Nancy, joined the Prospect Heights Improvement Association (PHIA) around 1970; Mrs. Olds used her writing skills and became the editor of the Prospect Heights Town Bulletin in 1973, and Mr. Olds enjoyed taking pictures and became the Town Bulletin photographer; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the PHIA, Mr. Olds was head of the Environmental Action Force, which addressed developmental activities in and around the Prospect Heights community, many of which could have had a negative impact on the environment; he saw the wisdom of incorporating Prospect Heights and participated in educating the public on these benefits; he led discussions at neighborhood resident meetings regarding incorporation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Olds was elected to serve as an Alderman on the first City Council; he was appointed to serve as Chairman of the Building Committee; his committee established the basis

1 for the City's building, electrical, and plumbing codes; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Olds was active in the 1976 Bicentennial
3 Celebration on the Bicentennial Commission; he also helped to
4 start the Prospect Heights-Wheeling Chamber of Commerce in the
5 1980s and had served on the Chamber since its formation; he and
6 his wife donated the City Clock in commemoration of the 25th
7 anniversary of Prospect Heights; and

8 WHEREAS, The passing of Fredric C. Olds has been deeply
9 felt by many, especially his wife, Nancy (nee Surgenor); his
10 children, Patricia Olds and Fredric Jr. (Kathryn); his sisters,
11 Miriam Speir and Janet Lanham; his grandchildren, Stephanie and
12 David Atlee, Nancy Ensrud, and Peter Olds; and his five
13 great-grandchildren; he was preceded in death by his daughter,
14 Hollis Olds; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 mourn the passing of Fredric C. Olds, and we extend our deepest
18 sympathy to his family, friends, and community; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Fredric C. Olds as an expression of
22 our sincere condolences.